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FARMINGTON CANAL COMMISSION

Minutes: The Farmington Canal Commission, Town of Hamden held an informal session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in the main floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ms. Becker, Ms. Larson, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Horowitz

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Weiner excused, Mr. Blandon excused, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Anton

A quorum was not available.

1. Call to Order
2. Review Minutes of October 7, 2014 (postponed to December meeting)

Mr. Kops reported that the bid for the repair of the Putnam Avenue Bridge has been awarded to Schultz. Hopefully the trail will remain open during the repair.

Someone was injured on the trail the other day. A bicyclist hit the hole from a bollard that had been removed and broke a finger.

Mr. Kops is waiting to hear back from Public Works with an estimate of what they can and can't do regarding trail repair. Mr. Schaefer mentioned that the boards look great thanks to Ms. Larson. Ms. Larson said there was a comment on Facebook and there has been a surge in likes on the page, possibly due to Dale Kroop's like. Agnes Orlowski asked about bulletin boards at the southern end of the trail. Bulletin Boards were part of the design for the northern portion of the trail, but not for the southern portion. Ms. Larson has been keeping the boards clean and removing private commercial notices. Mr. Schaefer mentioned signs both political and charitable.

Mr. Kops said tht Planning & Zoning granted a special permit at 415 Mather Street where the buses were, across the street from Lake Whitney Glen condos. The project includes affordable housing, 20 units for people with MS, Vetrerans, etc. The developer named Regan has the project. He is not local. There will be one, two and three bedroom units. Mr. Horowitz mentioned the possible impact on schools. Mr. Kops said Zoning is not supposed to look at how many kids might be moving in. Mr. Schaefer mentioned the nice developments in New Haven that have replaced the old brick buildings. Mr. Kops said part of the problem with the old buildings was the management.

Mr. Kops said 380 Mather, which was Creighton English's property, is still approved for 380 units. Mr. English had agreed to built the trail through his property. When we went to build, he was not ready to go, so we decided to build it ourselves, and Mr. English paid.

The Skiff Street location was purchased by the Tagliatellas. 380 Mather Street is included in a proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations to allow multi-family housing. These are coming up at Planning and Zoning in two weeks. The main entrance would be from Mather Street.

When you go down Mather and take a left, you are on Waite Street, there was a bridge in need of repair. There is nothing happening there now.

There was discussion on the water company building.

3. Phase I Update (Mt. Sanford Road to Todd Street)
4. Phase IIA Update (Todd Street to Hamden Hills Drive)
5. Phase IIB Update (Hamden Hills Drive to Connolly Parkway)
6. Phase III Update (Connolly Parkway to New Haven Line)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Clerk of the Commission